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For: **Compositions and Methods for the Detection of  
Ehrlichia Canis and Ehrlichia Chaffensis  
Antibodies**

Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: To be assigned

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above identified new patent application:

☐ Patent Specification ( pages, including cover sheet, claims, and abstract)

☐ Drawings ( sheets)

☒ Return Postcard

☒ Other: **Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with one (1) cited reference**

2. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed for the Filing Fee.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are enclosed. Copies are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any

other representation and, in particular, no representation is indented as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103.

**CITED REFERENCES**

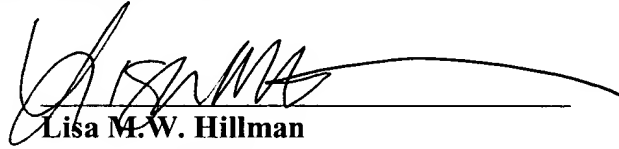
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